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New publication launched to prevent child abuse (07/09/12)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - A new booklet has been launched to assist people in recognizing, reporting and preventing child abuse.

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The booklet, entitled ***Child Abuse - Recognize It, Report It, Prevent It***, was released today by the Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS-NB) in partnership with the RCMP, the Dr. David Stephen Memorial Foundation, and New Brunswick's Child and Youth Advocate.

"People are sometimes reluctant to report child abuse," said Deborah Doherty, executive director of PLEIS-NB. "They may feel unsure of how the law defines abuse, or they may worry about meddling in other people's family affairs. But when it comes to children, we all have a duty to report suspicions of abuse or neglect. A child's well-being may depend on it. We can all play a role in protecting children from harm and reporting suspicions of abuse."

This booklet will help both parents and the public by addressing the following issues:

- Defining child abuse and neglect
- Recognizing signs of abuse and neglect
- Reporting abuse and neglect
- Responding to a child who tells of abuse
- Preventing child abuse and neglect
- Protecting children on the internet
- Questions about reporting

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this free pamphlet can contact PLEIS-NB at pleisnb@web.ca; 506-453-5369, or write to PLEIS-NB, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5H1. The publication is also available online at: http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca.

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